



Miami-Dade Parks December 2005 Calendar of Events

THURSDAY, 1

Only in Florida: Photos by Barbara Robbins

10 a.m.-4 p.m. Free with park admission: \$7 adults; \$5 children. Daily thru January 15. Deering Estate hosts an exhibition by Barbara Robbins documenting the visual history of the state. Deering Estate at Cutler, 16701 SW 72 Ave., Miami, 305-235-1668, ext. 233

Nite Hike

7-9 p.m. Free with paid park admission: \$7 adults; \$5 children. Come see the Deering Estate and discover a new world after dark! Take a guided hike through the natural areas and enjoy some cool nights outdoors during these fall months. Deering Estate at Cutler, 16701 SW 72 Ave., Miami, 305-235-1668, ext. 242

Deering Historic Tours

10:30 a.m. and 2 p.m. \$7 adults; \$5 children. Daily. Tour the historic 1922 Stone House, the 1896-1900 Richmond Cottage and the 444-acre environmental preserve featuring archaeological sites and rare native flora and fauna. Deering Estate at Cutler, 16701 SW 72 Ave., Miami, 305-235-1668

Dog Park

Sunrise-Sunset. Free. Monday-Friday. \$4 parking per vehicle on Saturday and Sunday. The park offers five acres of enclosed green space with walking trails and water fountains for dogs. Dog Park at Amelia Earhart Park, 401 East 65 St., Hialeah, 305-685-8389

Deering Natural Areas Tours

11:30 a.m. and 3 p.m. Free with park admission: \$7 adults; \$5 children. Daily. Take a guided walking tour through a tropical hardwood hammock to a Tequesta Indian burial mound. On the half-mile boardwalk tour, you'll learn about our unique ecosystem. Deering Estate at Cutler, 16701 SW 72 Ave., Miami, 305-235-1668, ext. 242

Farm Village

9 a.m.-4 p.m. Free. Monday-Friday. \$4 parking per vehicle on Saturday and Sunday. The farm village offers petting zoo daily and pony rides on Saturday and Sunday for children weighing 70 lbs. and less. Pony rides are \$2. Bill Graham Farm Village at Amelia Earhart Park, 401 East 65 St., Hialeah, 305-685-8389

Skyward Kites

10 a.m.-Sunset. Daily. Add the joy of kite flying to your day at the beach. Kites on sale starting at \$5 and staff will help with assembly and give instructions on how to be a master kite flyer. Haulover Beach Park, 10800 Collins Ave., Miami Beach, 305-893-0906

FRIDAY, 2

Shooter Clinic

7-8 p.m. Fridays. Free clinic, charge for shotgun rental, trap rounds, shells, ear and eye protection. Ages 18 and older. Learn the sport of Trap shooting, including shotgun safety, game rules, field etiquette, and shooting techniques. Trail Glades Range, 17601 SW 8 St., Miami, 305-226-1823

SATURDAY, 3

Heritage Horse Show

8 a.m.-6 p.m. Free. Thru Sunday. Tropical Park Equestrian Center, 7900 SW 40 St., Miami 305-554-7334

Holiday Under the Stars

7 p.m. \$15 adults in advance; \$18 at the door. \$10 children. Bring a picnic basket and enjoy a concert under the stars featuring the Deering Holiday Strings. Deering Estate at Cutler, 16701 SW 72 Ave., Miami, 305-235-1668 ext 233

Family Campfire and Night Walk

7-9:30 p.m. \$5. Also, December 10. Park naturalists will teach you about scary nighttime critters and then search for them on the trail after dark. Afterwards, enjoy a campfire with marshmallow roast and star viewing. Call 305-255-4767 for reservations. Bill Sadowski Park and Nature Center, 17555 SW 79 Ave., Miami

Guided Woodland Night Owl Walk

7-8:30 p.m. \$5. Bring the family for a guided night hike through a tropical hardwood hammock. See what creatures go bump in the night as we look for Ogre-faced spiders, Nighthawks, Black Witch Moths and the Eastern Screech Owl. Bring a flashlight. Call 305-242-7688 to register. Castellow Hammock Nature Center, 22301 SW 162 Ave., Homestead

Moonlight Canoe Tour

7-11 p.m. \$35. Ages 18 and older. Canoeists will enjoy the moonlit beauty of Biscayne Bay as they make their way to Chicken Key Island. Deering Estate at Cutler, 16701 SW 72 Ave., Miami, 305-235-1668, ext. 242

Tai Chi Classes

10:30 a.m. \$60 for a six-week session. Saturdays. Call 305-235-1668, ext. 225 for more information. Deering Estate at Cutler, 16701 SW 72 Ave., Miami

The Nutcracker

7 p.m. \$13-\$23. The Thomas Armour Youth Ballet presents the holiday classic, The Nutcracker. Miami-Dade County Auditorium, 2901 West Flagler St., Miami, 305-547-5414, ext. 0

Holiday Fun at the Zoo

11 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays thru January 1. Included with zoo admission: \$11.50 adults; \$6.75 ages 3-12. Fun and comedy abound as the animals open wrapped boxes filled with their favorite treats during regularly scheduled Keeper Talks. Miami Metrozoo, 12400 SW 152 St., Miami, 305-251-0400

Chihuly at Fairchild

9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. \$20 for adults, \$15 senior citizens, \$10 ages 6-17, 5 and younger free. This tropical glass garden will be on exhibit thru May 31. Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden, 10901 Old Cutler Rd, Miami, 305-667-1651

The Soul Within

3 p.m. Opening reception. Free. Thru January 20. Paintings by Kabuya Pamela Bowens. Call 305-638-6771 for more information. Gallery open Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. African Heritage Cultural Arts Center, 6161 NW 22 Ave., Miami

Backcountry Fishing Workshop

9 a.m.-12 p.m. \$15. For beginners and seasoned veterans. Class includes choosing the right boat, predicting tides, practical fishing knots, bait and tackle, and where to try your luck. Castellow Hammock Nature Center, 22301 SW 162 Ave., Homestead, 305-242-7688

Arch Creek Nature Walks

10-11 a.m. \$3. Saturdays. Join us on this naturalist-guided tour through a native tropical hardwood hammock where the pioneers of North Miami once lived and the prehistoric Tequesta Indians thrived for hundreds of years living off the land. Call 305-944-6111 one day in advance for reservations. Meet at Arch Creek Museum, 1855 NE 135 St., N. Miami.

Wheelchair Tennis Program

9-11 a.m. Free. Saturdays. Ages 12 and older. All skill levels. Call 305-755-7848 (v/tdd) for more information. Big Five Tennis Club, 9299 SW 7 Terr., Miami

Historic Oleta River Canoe Trip

10 a.m.-1 p.m. \$25 adults; \$15 children ages 7-14. Saturdays. Catch a view of many wading birds and mammals in their natural habitats and visit an undisturbed Tequesta Indian midden. Call 305-365-3018 for reservations. Meet at East Greynolds Park, NE 167 St. and Biscayne Blvd., N. Miami Beach.

Crandon Heritage Tram Tours

10-11 a.m. Saturdays; 3-4 p.m. Sundays. \$2 adults; \$1 children. Take a tram ride through Crandon Park and the Bear Cut Preserve and learn about the island of Key Biscayne and its fascinating history. Call 305-361-6767 for reservations. Crandon Park Visitors and Nature Center, 6767 Crandon Blvd., Key Biscayne

Chicken Key Canoe Tour

8-11 a.m. \$25 adults; \$15 ages 9-14. Saturdays and Sundays. Canoeists will experience the beauty of Biscayne Bay as they make their way to Chicken Key Island, a seven-acre bird rookery. Deering Estate at Cutler, 16701 SW 72 Ave., Miami, 305-235-1668, ext. 242

NRA First Steps Course

10 a.m.-12.30 p.m. \$49.94. Saturdays. Ages 21 and older. This course consists of fundamental basic pistol instruction and safety and meets state requirements for the concealed weapons permit. Trail Glades Range, 17601 SW 8 St., Miami, 305-226-1823

Firearm Safety

9 a.m.-4 p.m. \$5 adults; children free. Saturdays and Sundays. Learn the fundamentals of firearm safety, range rules and regulations. Trail Glades Range, 17601 SW 8 St., Miami, 305-226-1823

Saturdays in the Park with Commissioner Javier Souto 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Saturdays. District 10 residents are invited to spend Saturday mornings with Miami-Dade County Commissioner Souto discussing concerns and issues. Call 305-375-4835 for locations.

Saturday Morning Camp: Drop-n-Shop

9 a.m.-1 p.m. \$5 one child, \$8 two children: \$11 three children.

Saturdays. Parents, you can do your shopping while your child is supervised with activities, games, videos and arts and crafts. Highland Oaks Park, 20300 NE 24 Ave., N. Miami Beach, 305-932-2164

Kayak Rentals

10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturdays, Sundays and Holidays. 2 Person Kayaks: \$10 per hour. Snorkel rental daily for \$7. Rentals at North Beach Kayak Aquatic Concession, southeast of Crandon Park Visitors and Nature Center, 6767 Crandon Blvd., Key Biscayne, 305-361-6767.

SUNDAY, 4

Nati Mistral in Concert

3 p.m. \$13-\$35. Sociedad Pro Arte Grateli presents an evening with Spanish songstress and poetess. Miami-Dade County Auditorium, 2901 West Flagler St., Miami, 305-547-5414, ext. 0

Holiday Music at Fairchild

7 p.m. \$250. This concert in the Garden House features an evening of seasonal music. For information and tickets, call Maggie Rossi 305-667-1651, ext. 3377. Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden, 10901 Old Cutler Rd, Miami

Batting Cages

9-11 a.m. \$5 for 15 minutes; \$25 for an hour. Sundays. Highland Oaks Park, 20300 NE 24 Ave., N. Miami Beach, 305-932-2164

Canoeing Workshop

10 a.m.-12 p.m. \$20 adults, \$15 ages 14 and under. Learn the fundamentals of canoeing, including basic strokes, steering and safety skills. Call 305-365-3018 for reservations. Bill Sadowski Park and Nature Center, 17555 SW 79 Ave., Miami, 305-255-4767

Redland Historic Bike Tour

9 a.m.-12 p.m. \$25 includes bike and helmet rental; \$20 with your own bike; \$15 ages 9-14. This guided tour will explore the historic Redland area and stopover at the Redland Fruit and Spice Park. Call 305-365-3018 for reservations. Meet at Castellow Hammock Nature Center, 22301 SW 162 Avenue, Miami.

TUESDAY, 6**Yoga Classes**

6-7:30 p.m. Tuesdays or 10-11:30 a.m. Wednesdays. \$60 for a six-week session. Yoga taught by Marlene Shulman. Call 305-235-1668, ext. 225 for more information. Deering Estate at Cutler, 16701 SW 72 Ave., Miami

FRIDAY, 9**LUMA**

8 p.m. \$27 general admission, \$17 seniors and youth 14 and under. For info and special group rates call, 305-547-5414 ext. 0. LUMA creates light and sculpts it into dynamic forms that dance, spin, and orbit to enchant the viewer and stimulate the mind. Miami-Dade County Auditorium, 2901 West Flagler St, Miami

Heart of the City Cultural Arts Series presents Gospel Fest 2005

8 p.m. \$15-\$20. Gospel Fest features guest host Dr. Bobby Jones of B.E.T. and the Word Network, Lee Williams & the Spiritual QC's, Johnny Sanders, Revelation S.E.E.D, Gospel Reggae Artists "Kunta Kente" and others. Call 305-636-2350 for tickets. Joseph Caleb Auditorium, 5400 NW 22 Ave., Miami

SATURDAY, 10

Marisela Varena in Concert

12-6 p.m. Free. United Nations Human Rights Day Concert featuring Marisela Varena. Amelia Earhart Park, 401 East 65 St., Hialeah, 305-685-8389

Pelican Harbor Kayak and Snorkel Trip

2-5 p.m. \$25 plus \$5 for snorkel rental. Also, December 19, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Break away from it all by kayaking in Biscayne Bay and snorkeling in the shallows to see the marine life that dwells in the bay. Call 305-365-3018 for reservations. Meet at Pelican Harbor Marina, 1275 NE 79 Street Causeway, Miami Beach.

Fall Campfire

6-9 p.m. \$15. Also, December 17. Begin the evening with a hike learning about medicinal, edible and other important plants. Then take a canoe trip to the campgrounds for storytelling, craft making and marshmallow roasting around the campfire. Call 305-948-2891 for reservations. Meet at the Boathouse at Greynolds Park, 17530 W. Dixie Highway, N. Miami Beach.

Crandon Kayak and Snorkel Excursions

9 a.m.-12 p.m. and 2-5 p.m. \$50; \$35 for Miami-Dade residents. Saturdays and Sundays. Explore the colorful tropical fish, spotted eagle rays, cushion stars, herons and other animals that share the fragile and unique sanctuary of the Fossilized Reef. Call 305-365-3018 for reservations. Crandon Park Visitors and Nature Center, 6767 Crandon Blvd., Key Biscayne

Matheson Hammock Biscayne Bay Tour

10 a.m. and 4 p.m. \$25; \$15 ages 7-14. Saturdays and Sundays. Explore mangrove forest-lined creeks and discover the secretive lives of wildlife that inhabit this habitat. Call 305-365-3018 for reservations.

Meet the A.D. Barnes Park naturalist guides at the Redfish Grill at Matheson Hammock Park,

Canoeing and Kayak Workshop

9 a.m.-12 p.m. \$15 per person. Introduces participants to canoeing and kayaking in Florida with discussion on camping and fishing gear, the pros and cons of different models of canoes and kayaks, the best places to paddle in South Florida, and the 99-mile Wilderness Waterway in Everglades National Park. Call 305-242-7688 for reservations. Meet at the Castellow Hammock Nature Center, 22301 SW 162 Avenue, Miami, Florida.

Crandon Bayside Canoe Adventure

10 a.m.-12 p.m. \$40 adults, \$25 for Miami-Dade residents; \$15 ages 7-14. Saturdays and Sundays. Discover the endless mangrove forest where great blue herons, iguanas and spotted eagle rays lurk. Call 305-365-3018 for reservations. Crandon Park Visitors and Nature Center, 6767 Crandon Blvd., Key Biscayne

Canoe, Kayak and Paddle Boat Rentals

11:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays. Canoes and kayaks for adults are \$4.50 per half hour and \$3 for children. Paddle boats are \$5 per half hour. The Boathouse at Greynolds Park, 17530 W. Dixie Highway, N. Miami Beach, 305-948-2891

Crandon Bear Cut Preserve Nature Walks

10 -11 a.m. and 2-3 p.m. \$2. Saturdays and Sundays. Tour a rare remnant of Miami's remaining maritime hammock, scrub habitat and mangrove forest. Call 305-361-6767 for reservations. Meet at the Crandon Park Visitors and Nature Center, 6767 Crandon Blvd., Key Biscayne.

Guided Historical Nature Walk

2-4 p.m. \$3 per person; \$4 per vehicle entrance fee. Saturdays and Sundays. See animals in their natural surroundings and learn about plant life that might not be seen on a paved trail. Call 305-948-2891 for reservations. Greynolds Park, 17530 W. Dixie Highway, N. Miami Beach

Key Biscayne Heritage Bike Tour

10 a.m.-12 p.m. \$25 includes bike and helmet rental; \$20 with your own bike; \$15 children. Sundays. Learn of natural and historical events as you bike along this barrier island. Call 305-365-3018 for reservations.
Crandon Park Visitors and Nature Center, 6767 Crandon Blvd., Key Biscayne

Family Van Trips

10 a.m.-5 p.m. \$40 adults; \$15 children under age 14. Bring the entire family on an Everglades adventure. Call 305-365-3018 for reservations.
Bill Sadowski Park and Nature Center, 17555 SW 79 Ave., Miami

SUNDAY, 11**Mark Wonderly Jumpers Horse Show**

8 a.m.-9 p.m. Free. Tropical Park Equestrian Center, 7900 SW 40 St., Miami, 305-554-7334

Eco-Tour Van Trip: Loxahatchee Arthur R. Marshall National Wildlife Refuge

8 a.m.-4 p.m. \$40 adults; \$15 ages 14 and younger. Spend a day exploring the northern Everglades, including a cypress swamp boardwalk and marsh trail explorations where wading birds, hawks, alligators and migrating waterfowl can be spotted. Call 305-365-3018 for reservations. Trip meets at the Greynolds Park Boathouse, 17530 West Dixie Hwy, North Miami Beach.

Sunset Canoe Tour to Coral Reef Park

2-5 p.m. \$25 adults; \$15 children ages 7-14. Take a leisurely paddle to Coral Reef Park in search of wildlife, have a rest and a snack, and then head back to the park in time to enjoy a beautiful sunset and flocks of ibis heading to roost. Call 305-365-3018 for reservations. Bill Sadowski Park and Nature Center, 17555 SW 79 Ave., Miami

MONDAY, 12**Magic City Monday: Shades in Rhythm Dance Ensemble**

10:30-11:30 a.m. \$3 children and free for chaperones. Call 305-636-2350 for reservations.
Joseph Caleb Auditorium, 5400 NW 22 Ave., Miami

Amusement Center

10 a.m.-5 p.m. Daily. Ride a colorful carousel and bike or roller-blade through miles of trails. Carousel operates weekends and holidays only.
Three rides for \$1. Crandon Park, 4000 Crandon Blvd., Key Biscayne, 305-361-5421

WEDNESDAY, 14**Arch Creek Ghost Tours**

7-8:30 p.m. \$5. Wednesdays. Take a night tour of Arch Creek Park and learn about its spooky past. Hear personal accounts of ghostly encounters that have occurred since the late 1800s and maybe have an encounter of your own. Call 305-944-6111 for reservations. Arch Creek Park Museum, 1855 NE 135 St., N. Miami

THURSDAY, 15

Crandon Sunset and Moonlight Bayside Canoe Adventure

5-7 p.m. \$40 adults, \$25 for Miami-Dade residents; \$15 ages 14 and younger. Discover the peaceful water wilderness and explore the forgotten and secret parts of Key Biscayne by moonlight. Call

305-365-3018 for reservations. Meet at the Crandon Park Marina, 4000 Crandon Blvd., Key Biscayne.

FRIDAY, 16

Holiday Hayride

6:30-9 p.m. \$3 adults; \$1 children. Get into the holiday spirit aboard our decorated hayride. Come share your favorite carols and sing along as we view lights in the neighborhood. Camp Owaissa Bauer, 17001 SW 264 St., Miami, 305-247-6016

SATURDAY, 17

"A Taste of Northwest Dade"

10 a.m.-6 p.m. Free Admission. Miami-Dade Parks and Team Metro host a community gathering featuring live entertainment, a variety of food, children's play area and information on government services. Country Village Park, 6550 NW 188 Terr., Miami, 305-820-8557

East Everglades Canoe Trip

8:30 a.m.-1 p.m. \$35 admission. Bring your lunch and enjoy a leisurely-paced canoe paddle along the edge of Everglades National Park with Castellow Hammock naturalists. Call 305-365-3018 for meeting location and further information.

Butterfly Walk

2:30-3:30 p.m. Free with paid park admission: \$7 adults; \$5 children.

Explore the various habitats of the park while finding and identifying numerous butterfly species. Deering Estate at Cutler, 16701 SW 72 Ave., Miami, 305-235-1668, ext. 242

Pre-Kwanzaa Showcase & Workshops

3-11 p.m. Free. Enlightening workshops and a vibrant showcase will salute the spirit of Kwanzaa. Presented by Miami-Dade Parks and Diaspora Arts Coalition, this event will educate participants on the seven principles of Kwanzaa, their origin and significance, all while highlighting the rich culture of African Americans. Joseph Caleb Auditorium, 5400 NW 22 Ave., Miami, 305-636-2350

Gold Coast Railroad Museum's Train Ride with Santa

6-8 p.m. \$8 per person. Thru Sunday. Take a train ride with Santa through our Holiday Forest. Gold Coast Railroad Museum, 12450 SW 152 St., Miami, 305-253-0063, www.goldcoast-railroad.org <<http://www.goldcoast-railroad.org/>>

SUNDAY, 18

Family Fun Day

1-3 p.m. \$5. Bring the family for a hike through the trails of Arch Creek, archaeological digs and pottery making. Call 305-944-6111 for reservations. Arch Creek Park Museum, 1855 NE 135 St., N. Miami

SATURDAY, 24

Architecture Tour

2-3:30 p.m. Free with park admission: \$7 adults; \$5 children. Enjoy an afternoon with Deering Estate naturalists as you discover all the architectural features the historic park has to offer. Deering Estate at Cutler, 16701 SW 72 Ave., Miami, 305-235-1668, ext. 242

THURSDAY, 29

Kwanzaa Celebration

7 p.m. Free. This celebration will highlight the principles of Kwanzaa with a special production featuring dance, drama, poetry, music presented by FAMU Alumni Association in conjunction with Miami-Dade Parks and Diaspora Arts Coalition. Joseph Caleb Auditorium, 5400 NW 22 Ave., Miami, 305-636-2350

FRIDAY, 30

Nia Drumming Circle

7 p.m. Free. Celebrate Kwanzaa with the powerful sounds of the African Drum, highlighting the 5th day of Kwanzaa, "Nia" (Purpose). Presented by Miami-Dade Parks; "Africa Melody" and the Diaspora Arts Coalition. Joseph Caleb Auditorium, 5400 NW 22 Ave., Miami, 305-636-2350